

Form 990Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax****Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)**

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2017**Open to Public Inspection****A For the 2017 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2017 , and ending 12-31-2017**

- B Check if applicable**
- Address change
 - Name change
 - Initial return
 - Final return/terminated
 - Amended return
 - Application pending

C Name of organization Center of the American Experiment		D Employer identification number 36-3611426
E Doing business as		F Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) 8421 Wayzata Blvd No 110
		G Room/suite
H City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code Golden Valley, MN 55426		I Gross receipts \$ 2,536,075
J Name and address of principal officer John Hinderaker 8421 Wayzata Blvd No 110 Golden Valley, MN 55426		K Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No L Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list (see instructions)
M Website: ► www.americanexperiment.org		N Group exemption number ►
O Form of organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ►		P Year of formation 1988
		Q State of legal domicile MN

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities Center of the American Experiment is a nonpartisan public policy and educational institution that brings conservative and free market ideas to bear on the hardest problems facing Minnesota and the nation. Through research, op-eds, public forums, legislative roundtables, and a stream of publications, we are working to build a Culture of Prosperity in Minnesota and the nation	
Revenue	2 Check this box ► <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets	
	3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3 33
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4 31
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2017 (Part V, line 2a)	5 12
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6 50
	7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a 0
	b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b 0
Expenses	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year 1,841,454 Current Year 2,192,685
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	1,675 110,735
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	207 238
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	0 44,056
	12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1,843,336 2,347,714
Net Assets or Fund Balances	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	0 0
	14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0 0
	15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	787,992 939,941
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0 105,000
	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ► 238,542	
	17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	803,240 1,202,676
	18 Total expenses Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	1,591,232 2,247,617
	19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	252,104 100,097

Part II Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge

Sign Here	*****	
	Signature of officer	Date 2018-10-08
	John Hinderaker President	
	Type or print name and title	
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name Christine P Powers CPA	Preparer's signature Christine P Powers CPA
	Date 2018-10-08	
	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed PTIN P01258282	
Firm's name ► Abdo Eick & Meyers LLP Firm's EIN ► 41-1397419		
Firm's address ► 5201 Eden Avenue Suite 250 Phone no (952) 835-9090		
Edina, MN 55436		

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) Yes No

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission

Center of the American Experiment's mission is to build a culture of prosperity for Minnesota and the nation. Our daily pursuit is a free and thriving Minnesota whose cultural and intellectual center of gravity is grounded in the principles of free enterprise, limited government, individual freedom, and time-tested American virtues. Through research, a stream of publications, op-eds and other media, public forums and legislative engagement, we work to create a new climate in which free market and cooperative ideas - once known as classically liberal ideas - are better understood, appreciated and applied. We offer leaders the intellectual ammunition they need to bring meaningful change, our efforts continue to make a tangible difference in the lives of Minnesotans. Center of the American Experiment is a non-partisan 501(c)(3) tax-exempt, education organization. Contributions are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ?

Yes No

If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services?

Yes No

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported

4a	(Code) (Expenses \$ 387,509 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)	
See Additional Data		
4b	(Code) (Expenses \$ 399,578 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 83,775)	
See Additional Data		
4c	(Code) (Expenses \$ 216,923 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 21,287)	
See Additional Data		
See Additional Data Table		
4d	Other program services (Describe in Schedule O) (Expenses \$ 905,666 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 5,673)	
4e	Total program service expenses ► 1,909,676	

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A	1 Yes	
2 Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> (see instructions)?	2 Yes	
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I	3	No
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	4 Yes	
5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III	5	No
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I	6	No
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II	7	No
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III	8	No
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21 for escrow or custodial account liability, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X, or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV	9	No
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V	10	No
11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable		
a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI	11a Yes	
b Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII	11b	No
c Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII	11c	No
d Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX	11d Yes	
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X	11e Yes	
f Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part XI	11f Yes	
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII	12a Yes	
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional	12b	No
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	13	No
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a	No
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV	14b	No
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV	15	No
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV	16	No
17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I (see instructions)	17 Yes	
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II	18 Yes	
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III	19	No

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

- 20a** Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?
- 21** Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II
- 22** Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III
- 23** Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? If "Yes," complete Schedule J
- 24a** Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K If "No," go to line 25a
b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?
c Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?
d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?
- 25a** **Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations.**
Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I
b Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I
- 26** Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II
- 27** Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III
- 28** Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions)
a A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV
b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV
c An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV
- 29** Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M
- 30** Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M
- 31** Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I
- 32** Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II
- 33** Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301 7701-2 and 301 7701-3? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I
- 34** Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1
- 35a** Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?
b If 'Yes' to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2
- 36** **Section 501(c)(3) organizations.** Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2
- 37** Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI
- 38** Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? **Note.** All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O

	Yes	No
20a		No
20b		
21		No
22		No
23		No
24a		No
24b		
24c		
24d		
25a		No
25b		No
26		No
27		No
28a		No
28b		No
28c		No
29		No
30		No
31		No
32		No
33		No
34		No
35a		No
35b		
36		No
37		No
38	Yes	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V

		Yes	No
1a Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096 Enter -0- if not applicable	1a	19	
b Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a Enter -0- if not applicable	1b	0	
c Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1c	Yes	
2a Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return	2a	12	
b If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions)	2b	Yes	
3a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	3a	No	
b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? <i>If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O</i>	3b		
4a At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	4a	No	
b If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ► See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR)			
5a Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	5a	No	
b Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b	No	
c If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?	5c		
6a Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?	6a	No	
b If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6b		
7 Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).	7a	Yes	
a Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?	7b	Yes	
b If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7c	No	
c Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7d		
d If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	7e	No	
e Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7f	Yes	
f Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7g		
g If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7h		
h If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	8		
8 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	9a		
b Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9b		
10 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter			
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	10a		
b Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	10b		
11 Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter			
a Gross income from members or shareholders	11a		
b Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them)	11b		
12a Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041? b If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	12a		
12b			
13 Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.			
a Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O	13a		
b Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans	13b		
c Enter the amount of reserves on hand	13c		
14a Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	14a	No	
b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? <i>If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O</i>	14b		

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VI

Section A. Governing Body and Management

- 1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year **1a** 33
- If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O
- 1b Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent **1b** 31
- 2 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee? **2** No
- 3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person? **3** No
- 4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed? **4** No
- 5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets? **5** No
- 6 Did the organization have members or stockholders? **6** No
- 7a Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body? **7a** No
- b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body? **7b** No
- 8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following
- a The governing body? **8a** Yes
- b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? **8b** Yes
- 9 Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O **9** No

Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

- 10a Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates? **10a** No
- b If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes? **10b**
- 11a Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form? **11a** Yes
- b Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990 **12a** No
- 12a Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13 **12b**
- b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? **12c**
- c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done **13** No
- 13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy? **14** No
- 14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? **15** No
- 15 Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?
- a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official **15a** Yes
- b Other officers or key employees of the organization **15b** Yes
- If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions) **16a** No
- 16a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year? **16b**
- b If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements? **16b** No

Section C. Disclosure

- 17 List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed► **MN**
- 18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply
- Own website Another's website Upon request Other (explain in Schedule O)
- 19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year
- 20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records
►Center of the American Experiment 8421 Wayzata Blvd Ste 110 Golden Valley, MN 55426 (612) 338-3605

Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VII

Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid
 - List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any See instructions for definition of "key employee "
 - List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations
 - List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, or highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations

List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors, institutional trustees, officers, key employees, highest compensated employees, and former such persons.

Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee

Part VII Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees (continued)

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization ► 3

- 3** Did the organization list any **former** officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual

4 For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual

5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person

Section B. Independent Contractors

- 1** Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

Work and Organization: Report compensation for the calendar year ending March 31st of the organization's tax year.		
(A)	(B)	(C)
Name and business address	Description of services	Compensation
K K & Company 1117 Macey Way Stillwater, MN 55082	Consulting	105,000

- 2** Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization ► 1

Part VIII Statement of RevenueCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts						
1a Federated campaigns . . .	1a					
b Membership dues . . .	1b					
c Fundraising events . . .	1c	358,091				
d Related organizations	1d					
e Government grants (contributions)	1e					
f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	1,834,594				
g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$ _____						
h Total. Add lines 1a-1f ►		2,192,685				
Program Service Revenue			Business Code			
2a Publications		511190	83,775	83,775		
b Forums		900099	26,960	26,960		
c _____						
d _____						
e _____						
f All other program service revenue						
g Total. Add lines 2a-2f ►		110,735				
Other Revenue						
3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) ►		238				238
4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds						
5 Royalties ►						
6a Gross rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal				
b Less rental expenses						
c Rental income or (loss)						
d Net rental income or (loss) ►						
7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other				
b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses						
c Gain or (loss)						
d Net gain or (loss) ►						
8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 358,091 of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18 a		188,361				
b Less direct expenses b		188,361				
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events ►		0				
9a Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19 a						
b Less direct expenses b						
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities ►						
10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances a						
b Less cost of goods sold b						
c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory ►						
Miscellaneous Revenue	Business Code					
11a Other Income	900099		44,056	44,056		
b _____						
c _____						
d All other revenue						
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d ►		44,056				
12 Total revenue. See Instructions ►		2,347,714	154,791	0		238

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A).

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals See Part IV, line 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	511,855	443,278	35,553	33,024
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages	289,402	250,244	34,421	4,737
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401 (k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	14,707	12,051	2,506	150
9 Other employee benefits	67,957	62,176	4,722	1,059
10 Payroll taxes	56,020	48,444	5,131	2,445
11 Fees for services (non-employees)				
a Management	8,688	7,619	697	372
b Legal				
c Accounting	34,825	30,542	2,793	1,490
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services See Part IV, line 17	105,000			105,000
f Investment management fees				
g Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O)	2,500			2,500
12 Advertising and promotion				
13 Office expenses	47,925	42,031	3,844	2,050
14 Information technology	35,222	30,890	2,825	1,507
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	48,798	42,796	3,914	2,088
17 Travel	25,855	22,676	2,075	1,104
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	121,365	121,365		
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	8,735	7,660	701	374
23 Insurance	2,703	2,370	217	116
24 Other expenses Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O)				
a Projects	463,380	463,380		
b Publications	315,813	315,813		
c Fundraising	80,526			80,526
d Research Materials	6,341	6,341		
e All other expenses				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	2,247,617	1,909,676	99,399	238,542
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation				
Check here ► <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

Part X Balance SheetCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets				
1	Cash—non-interest-bearing	807,945	1	744,151
2	Savings and temporary cash investments	24,867	2	107,983
3	Pledges and grants receivable, net		3	
4	Accounts receivable, net		4	87,388
5	Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
6	Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions) Complete Part II of Schedule L		6	
7	Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
8	Inventories for sale or use		8	
9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	701	9	37,200
10a	Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a	197,314	
b	Less accumulated depreciation	10b	154,245	22,573
11	Investments—publicly traded securities		11	
12	Investments—other securities See Part IV, line 11		12	
13	Investments—program-related See Part IV, line 11		13	
14	Intangible assets		14	
15	Other assets See Part IV, line 11	53,131	15	55,715
16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	909,217	16	1,075,506
Liabilities				
17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses	40,532	17	90,790
18	Grants payable		18	
19	Deferred revenue	2,000	19	15,350
20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
21	Escrow or custodial account liability Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
22	Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons Complete Part II of Schedule L		22	
23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
25	Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17–24) Complete Part X of Schedule D	49,985	25	52,569
26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	92,517	26	158,709
Net Assets or Fund Balances				
	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here ► <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.			
27	Unrestricted net assets	791,833	27	808,814
28	Temporarily restricted net assets	24,867	28	107,983
29	Permanently restricted net assets		29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here ► <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.			
30	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30	
31	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund		31	
32	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32	
33	Total net assets or fund balances	816,700	33	916,797
34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	909,217	34	1,075,506

Part XI Reconciliation of Net AssetsCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI

1 Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	2,347,714
2 Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	2,247,617
3 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	100,097
4 Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	816,700
5 Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	
6 Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7 Investment expenses	7	
8 Prior period adjustments	8	
9 Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	0
10 Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	916,797

Part XII Financial Statements and ReportingCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII

1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 Cash Accrual Other _____
 If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O

	Yes	No
2a		No
2b	Yes	
2c		No
3a		No
3b		

2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?

If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both

Separate basis Consolidated basis Both consolidated and separate basis

b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?

If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both

Separate basis Consolidated basis Both consolidated and separate basis

c If "Yes," to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant?

If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O

3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?

b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits

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Form 990 (2017)

Form 990, Part III, Line 4a:

Minnesota Economy Project The Minnesota Economy Project was launched in 2016. Its goal is to educate Minnesotans to the fact that the state's economic performance in recent years has not been good, in order to build public and legislative support for lower taxes and less onerous regulation. In 2016, the Center published a comprehensive analysis of Minnesota's economic performance in the 21st Century by Dr. Joseph Kennedy. In 2017, we published the first in a series of annual updates to that paper. We have publicized the findings of the 2016 and 2017 papers with press conferences, radio and television appearances, op-eds in dozens of newspapers, radio ads on dozens of radio stations, three internet videos that have now exceeded 1.2 million views within the State of Minnesota, town meetings and other public appearances, and posts on the Center's web site and Facebook page. These publicity efforts will continue in 2018 with new radio ads, op-eds, and so on. In addition, the Center will publish in early 2018 a study of Minnesota's estate tax, which will conclude that Minnesota could abolish its estate tax without losing any significant amount of net tax revenue, and might actually gain tax revenue. A comprehensive analysis of the current state of Minnesota's economy, with projections for the future, will be published in late 2018. Our policy goals include abolition of the estate tax, spending restraint to allow tax cuts, personal and corporate income tax rate cuts, regulatory reform, and promoting pension transparency and reform. Other Center projects will also contribute to a stronger Minnesota economy.

Form 990, Part III, Line 4b:

Thinking Minnesota Magazine Thinking Minnesota is an important communications vehicle for the Center, with a base circulation around 80,000. The Center's goal is to continue to build circulation while using the magazine to spread conservative ideas and promote the Center. Sharp content and compelling graphics have driven the popularity of Thinking Minnesota. In order to reduce the net cost of the magazine, we have secured a less expensive printer for 2018, and have contracted with an experienced magazine advertising salesperson, on a commission basis, to sell ads in Thinking Minnesota. Thinking Minnesota broadly advances the policy goals on which the Center is working. It also promotes the Center and exposes new potential donors to our work.

Form 990, Part III, Line 4c:

Quarterly Lunch Forums The Center continues its tradition of bravely addressing important and timely topics Quarterly lunch forums allow supporters of the Center to participate in person, and feel that they are part of the Center They provide a unique opportunity to disseminate conservative ideas in an intensive, personal way We select speakers based on availability and topic interest and we will conduct the 2018 forums with the same format we have used in recent years We will distribute transcripts of forums to a mailing list of 2,000 to 3,000, and will feature forum speakers and programs in Thinking Minnesota

Form 990, Part III - 4 Program Service Accomplishments (See the Instructions)

(Code) (Expenses \$	287,640	including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
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Government Accountability Traffic Congestion The Government Accountability Project seeks to hold state and local government units and agencies accountable for waste, inefficiency and corruption In 2017 and 2018, the focus of the Government Accountability Project is traffic congestion in the Twin Cities The objective is to educate Twin Cities residents to the fact that the traffic congestion they experience is extraordinary, and it is caused by deliberate political decisions made by unelected government agencies Traffic congestion is a good issue to highlight the overreach of the administrative state because it is an annoyance that Twin Cities residents constantly experience In 2017, the Center published a report by Randal O'Toole titled "Twin Cities Traffic Congestion It's No Accident " We promoted that report and a web page devoted to traffic congestion, MNCongestion com, with billboards, radio ads in the Twin Cities market, op-eds and bumper stickers In 2018, we will continue to use billboards, radio ads and op-eds to draw attention to the congestion issue, and to the fact that Twin Cities traffic congestion is the result of poor policy decisions Our policy goals are to adequately fund highway construction and congestion relief, defeat Southwest Light Rail Transit and other light rail lines, and reverse a trend toward replacement of traffic lanes with bicycle lanes

(Code) (Expenses \$	225,510	including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
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Great Jobs Without a Four-Year Degree The Great Jobs Without a Four-Year Degree Project commenced in 2017 Its purpose is to encourage more young people and their parents to consider alternatives to conventional four-year degree programs, in the form of apprenticeships, technical schools, certificate programs, the military, and others The project is ambitious it aims both to help young people by encouraging them to pursue lucrative and rewarding career paths, and also to benefit employers and Minnesota's economy by addressing the "skills gap" that restricts productivity The Great Jobs project includes multiple elements The Center is working with educational institutions, employers, unions, academics and others to coordinate the efforts of groups working to promote similar goals, and to publicize the work done by those groups The Center's approximately biweekly email communications are directed at this audience At the same time, the Center's public information campaign is aimed directly at young people and their parents The Center's public information campaign includes a web page, GreatJobsMN com, radio ads, op-eds, posts on the Center's web and Facebook sites, public meetings, and research papers that are promoted with press conferences, follow-up op-eds, and so on In 2017, the Center published a paper by Dr Amanda Griffith, a labor economist, that showed that many high-skilled occupations in fields like manufacturing, construction and health care can be expected to out-earn the average college graduate in Minnesota over the course of a career In 2018, the Center will use social media to disseminate that message to many thousands of young people in Minnesota Our policy goal is greater public focus and a higher appropriations priority for technical education In addition, the Center is developing a legislative package in support of apprenticeship and manufacturing

Form 990, Part III - 4 Program Service Accomplishments (See the Instructions)

(Code) (Expenses \$	124,889 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
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Minnesota Regulatory Project The Minnesota Regulatory Project, commenced in 2017, seeks to educate Minnesotans on the need for less, and better, regulation In October 2017, the Center released a paper by Steve Hayward and Peter Nelson on Minnesota's "green" energy politics titled "The High Cost of Failure " The Center publicized that paper's findings with a press conference, multiple op-eds, a cover story in Thinking Minnesota, and a statewide radio campaign Those outreach efforts on "green" energy will continue through 2018 In 2018, the main focus of the Regulatory Project will be mining The Center's objective is to build public support for development of mineral resources in northern Minnesota The Center plans to release a major paper in support of mining in northern Minnesota in the summer of 2018 The report will describe the vast mineral resources in northern Minnesota, will argue that mining can and will be conducted in an environmentally responsible manner, and will describe the tremendous economic benefits that will flow from developing Minnesota's mineral resources The mining report will be the cover story in the Summer 2018 issue of Thinking Minnesota and will be publicized with op-eds, news stories, public meetings, and a video The Center will conduct statewide radio campaigns that will explain why Minnesotans should support mining even though they may not live in the northern part of the state Our policy goals include regulatory approvals for mining projects and reduction or elimination of wind and solar energy mandates

(Code) (Expenses \$	115,770 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
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Employee Freedom Educated Teachers The Educated Teachers Project seeks to educate Minnesota's teachers with regard to the use of their dues by Education Minnesota and with regard to the choices legally available to them concerning union membership The U S Supreme Court will decide the Janus case in June 2018 Observers expect that the Court will hold that public employees cannot be required either to join a union as a condition of employment, or to pay a "fair share" fee in lieu of union dues This will liberate public employees in states like Minnesota to leave the union, if they so choose The Center will conduct an information program via letter, email, social media, web site and radio to inform teachers of their rights, and also to inform them as to what the union is really doing with their money-supporting left-wing causes, not representing members Our policy goals include communicating the use of dues by the teachers unions, informing teachers about their freedom of choice, paycheck protection, and narrowing the scope of collective bargaining

Form 990, Part III - 4 Program Service Accomplishments (See the Instructions)

(Code) (Expenses \$	91,882 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
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Marriage and Family The Marriage and Family Project seeks to educate regarding the advantages of traditional, intact families and advocate policies that promote rather than erode family life. For more than 25 years, Mitch Pearlstein has been one of the nation's foremost spokesmen for marriage and families. He continued that work in 2017 through papers, op-eds, symposia and, where appropriate, legislative testimony.

(Code) (Expenses \$	29,970 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
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Greater Minnesota Initiative The Greater Minnesota Initiative seeks to extend the Center's influence in Greater Minnesota, to encourage and facilitate the trend toward conservatism in Greater Minnesota, and to enhance the Center's fundraising in Greater Minnesota. We plan to hire a Greater Minnesota coordinator in 2018 who will be responsible for identifying small groups of people in approximately 20 Greater Minnesota cities to represent the Center in their localities. These "pioneers" will disseminate Center materials, sign people up for Thinking Minnesota and our emails, arrange public meetings for Center staff as well as meetings with potential donors, and provide feedback to us on issues relevant to their locales. This effort will be supplemented, as in the past, with radio ads across the state and op-eds in numerous newspapers (more than 90 in 2017). Our policy goals include accelerating the process whereby rural Minnesota is becoming more self-consciously conservative across a broad range of issues, including but not limited to mining and other forms of natural resource development, agriculture, and energy.

Form 990, Part III - 4 Program Service Accomplishments (See the Instructions)

(Code	(Expenses \$	30,005	including grants of \$	5,673)
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Young Leadership Council The Young Leadership Council (YLC) seeks to engage young professionals in the Twin Cities with the Center, and to disseminate conservative ideas, emphasizing free markets, within that audience YLC sponsors fun, quarterly social events for YLC members and guests with enough Center board and staff present to effectively introduce young conservatives to the Center's operations Our policy goal is to advance conservative, free market ideals, among young people

Form 990, Part VII - Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)			(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099- MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099- MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or Director	Institutional Trustee	Former Officer	Highest compensated employee		
Ron EibensteinerChairman	0 00	X	X			0	0
Scott RileTreasurer	0 00	X	X			0	0
Mark LarsonSecretary	0 00	X	X			0	0
John HinderakerPresident	40 00	X	X			120,000	0
Ed AndersonDirector	0 00	X				0	0
Mitch DavisDirector	0 00	X				0	0
Lowell HellervikDirector	0 00	X				0	0
Keith KosturhDirector	0 00	X				0	0
Kenneth MorrisDirector	0 00	X				0	0
Robin KelleherDirecotr	0 00	X				0	0

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(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)			(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099- MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099- MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or Director	Institutional Trustee	Former Officer	Highest compensated employee		
Rob Parish Director	0 00	X				0	0
Andrew O'Brien Director	0 00	X				0	0
Ted Risdall Director	0 00	X				0	0
Mitch Pearlstein Director	40 00	X				149,910	0
Elam Baer Director	0 00	X				0	0
Asim Baig Director	0 00	X				0	0
Lee Driscoll Director	0 00	X				0	0
Greg Frandsen Director	0 00	X				0	0
Tom Kelly Director	0 00	X				0	0
Carol Lanners Hockert Director	0 00	X				0	0

Form 990, Part VII - Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)					(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099- MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099- MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations	
		Or Director	Individual trustee	Institutional Trustee	Official	Key employee	Highest compensated			
Charles Nickoloff Director	0.00	X						0	0	0
Todd Vollmers Director	0.00	X						0	0	0
Mike Barry Director	0.00	X						0	0	0
Dwight Tostenson CFO	13.00	X						42,000	0	0
Kim Crockett Vice President	40.00			X				111,576	0	0
Peter Nelson Vice President	40.00			X				88,369	0	0

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or
990EZ)Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Public Charity Status and Public Support**Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section
4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

► Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

► Information about Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at
www.irs.gov/form990.**2017****Open to Public
Inspection****Name of the organization**
Center of the American Experiment**Employer identification number**

36-3611426

Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is (For lines 1 through 12, check only one box)

- 1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.
 2 A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E (Form 990 or 990-EZ))
 3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**.
 4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. Enter the hospital's name, city, and state _____
 5 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)**. (Complete Part II)
 6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.
 7 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II)
 8 A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)** (Complete Part II)
 9 An agricultural research organization described in **170(b)(1)(A)(ix)** operated in conjunction with a land-grant college or university or a non-land grant college of agriculture See instructions Enter the name, city, and state of the college or university
 10 An organization that normally receives (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975 See **section 509(a)(2)**. (Complete Part III)
 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety See **section 509(a)(4)**.
 12 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2)**. See **section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box in lines 12a through 12d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 12e, 12f, and 12g
 a **Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B**.
 b **Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s) **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C**.
 c **Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions) **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E**.
 d **Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions) **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V**.
 e Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization
 f Enter the number of supported organizations _____
 g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s)

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1- 10 above (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?		(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
Yes	No					
Total						

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv), 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), and 170(b)(1)(A)(ix)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, 8, or 9 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

	Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2013	(b) 2014	(c) 2015	(d) 2016	(e) 2017	(f) Total
1	Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grant")	1,120,519	1,236,717	1,173,253	1,841,454	2,303,420	7,675,363
2	Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3	The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4	Total. Add lines 1 through 3	1,120,519	1,236,717	1,173,253	1,841,454	2,303,420	7,675,363
5	The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						382,429
6	Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						7,292,934

Section B. Total Support

	Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2013	(b) 2014	(c) 2015	(d) 2016	(e) 2017	(f) Total
7	Amounts from line 4	1,120,519	1,236,717	1,173,253	1,841,454	2,303,420	7,675,363
8	Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	234	1,242	363	207	238	2,284
9	Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10	Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI)		1,500			44,056	45,556
11	Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						7,723,203
12	Gross receipts from related activities, etc (see instructions)					12	714,255

13 **First five years.** If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here** ►

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14	Public support percentage for 2017 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	94 430 %
15	Public support percentage for 2016 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	87 680 %
16a	33 1/3% support test—2017. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b	33 1/3% support test—2016. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input type="checkbox"/>
17a	10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2017. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input type="checkbox"/>
b	10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2016. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input type="checkbox"/>
18	Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions		<input type="checkbox"/>

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 10 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2013	(b) 2014	(c) 2015	(d) 2016	(e) 2017	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants")						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2013	(b) 2014	(c) 2015	(d) 2016	(e) 2017	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI)						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12)						
14 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						► <input type="checkbox"/>

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2017 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	
16 Public support percentage from 2016 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2017 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	
18 Investment income percentage from 2016 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	
19a 33 1/3% support tests—2017. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		► <input type="checkbox"/>
b 33 1/3% support tests—2016. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3% and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		► <input type="checkbox"/>
20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions		► <input type="checkbox"/>

Part IV Supporting Organizations

(Complete only if you checked a box on line 12 of Part I. If you checked 12a of Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked 12b of Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked 12c of Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked 12d of Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain	1	
2 Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in Part VI how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2)	2	
3a Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below	3a	
b Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? If "Yes," describe in Part VI when and how the organization made the determination	3b	
c Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use	3c	
4a Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? If "Yes" and if you checked 12a or 12b in Part I, answer (b) and (c) below	4a	
b Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? If "Yes," describe in Part VI how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations	4b	
c Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes	4c	
5a Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in Part VI , including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed, (ii) the reasons for each such action, (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action, and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document)	5a	
b Type I or Type II only. Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?	5b	
c Substitutions only. Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?	5c	
6 Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (i) its supported organizations, (ii) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (iii) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .	6	
7 Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (defined in section 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35% controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ)	7	
8 Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described in line 7? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ)	8	
9a Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .	9a	
b Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined in line 9a) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .	9b	
c Did a disqualified person (as defined in line 9a) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .	9c	
10a Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of section 4943 because of section 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? If "Yes," answer line 10b below	10a	
b Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings)	10b	

Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)

- 11** Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?
- A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (b) and (c) below, the governing body of a supported organization?
 - A family member of a person described in (a) above?
 - A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (a) or (b) above? If "Yes" to a, b, or c, provide detail in Part VI

	Yes	No
11a		
11b		
11c		

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

- Did the directors, trustees, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's directors or trustees at all times during the tax year? If "No," describe in **Part VI** how the supported organization(s) effectively operated, supervised, or controlled the organization's activities. If the organization had more than one supported organization, describe how the powers to appoint and/or remove directors or trustees were allocated among the supported organizations and what conditions or restrictions, if any, applied to such powers during the tax year
- Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization? If "Yes," explain in **Part VI** how providing such benefit carried out the purposes of the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised or controlled the supporting organization

	Yes	No
1		
2		

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

- Were a majority of the organization's directors or trustees during the tax year also a majority of the directors or trustees of each of the organization's supported organization(s)? If "No," describe in **Part VI** how control or management of the supporting organization was vested in the same persons that controlled or managed the supported organization(s)

	Yes	No
1		

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

- Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the organization's tax year, (i) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax year, (ii) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (iii) copies of the organization's governing documents in effect on the date of notification, to the extent not previously provided?
- Were any of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees either (i) appointed or elected by the supported organization(s) or (ii) serving on the governing body of a supported organization? If "No," explain in **Part VI** how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s)
- By reason of the relationship described in (2), did the organization's supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization's investment policies and in directing the use of the organization's income or assets at all times during the tax year? If "Yes," describe in **Part VI** the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard

	Yes	No
1		
2		
3		

Section E. Type III Functionally-Integrated Supporting Organizations

- Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions)
 - The organization satisfied the Activities Test Complete **line 2** below
 - The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations Complete **line 3** below
 - The organization supported a governmental entity Describe in **Part VI** how you supported a government entity (see instructions)

2 Activities Test Answer (a) and (b) below.

- Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? If "Yes," then in **Part VI** identify those supported organizations and explain how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities

	Yes	No
2a		
2b		

3 Parent of Supported Organizations Answer (a) and (b) below.

- Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? Provide details in **Part VI**.
- Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs and activities of each of its supported organizations? If "Yes," describe in **Part VI** the role played by the organization in this regard

	Yes	No
3a		
3b		

Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations

1 Check here if the organization satisfied the Integral Part Test as a qualifying trust on Nov 20, 1970 (explain in Part VI) **See instructions.** All other Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations must complete Sections A through E

Section A - Adjusted Net Income		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Net short-term capital gain	1	
2	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	2	
3	Other gross income (see instructions)	3	
4	Add lines 1 through 3	4	
5	Depreciation and depletion	5	
6	Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions)	6	
7	Other expenses (see instructions)	7	
8	Adjusted Net Income (subtract lines 5, 6 and 7 from line 4)	8	
Section B - Minimum Asset Amount		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year)	1	
a	Average monthly value of securities	1a	
b	Average monthly cash balances	1b	
c	Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	1c	
d Total	(add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d	
e Discount	claimed for blockage or other factors (explain in detail in Part VI)		
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt use assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	
4	Cash deemed held for exempt use Enter 1-1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	
5	Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	5	
6	Multiply line 5 by .035	6	
7	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	7	
8	Minimum Asset Amount (add line 7 to line 6)	8	
Section C - Distributable Amount		Current Year	
1	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A)	1	
2	Enter 85% of line 1	2	
3	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, Column A)	3	
4	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3	4	
5	Income tax imposed in prior year	5	
6	Distributable Amount. Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions)	6	
7	<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally-integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions)		

Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations (continued)

Section D - Distributions	Current Year		
1 Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes			
2 Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity			
3 Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations			
4 Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets			
5 Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required)			
6 Other distributions (describe in Part VI) See instructions			
7 Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6			
8 Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI) See instructions			
9 Distributable amount for 2017 from Section C, line 6			
10 Line 8 amount divided by Line 9 amount			
Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2017	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2017
1 Distributable amount for 2017 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2017 (reasonable cause required-- explain in Part VI) See instructions			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2017			
a			
b From 2013.			
c From 2014.			
d From 2015.			
e From 2016.			
f Total of lines 3a through e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2017 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2012 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f			
4 Distributions for 2017 from Section D, line 7 \$			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2017 distributable amount			
c Remainder Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2017, if any Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2 If the amount is greater than zero, explain in Part VI See instructions			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2017 Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1 If the amount is greater than zero, explain in Part VI See instructions			
7 Excess distributions carryover to 2018. Add lines 3j and 4c			
8 Breakdown of line 7			
a Excess from 2013.			
b Excess from 2014.			
c Excess from 2015.			
d Excess from 2016.			
e Excess from 2017.			

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Part VI Supplemental Information. Provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10, Part II, line 17a or 17b, Part III, line 12, Part IV, Section A, lines 1, 2, 3b, 3c, 4b, 4c, 5a, 6, 9a, 9b, 9c, 11a, 11b, and 11c, Part IV, Section B, lines 1 and 2, Part IV, Section C, line 1, Part IV, Section D, lines 2 and 3, Part IV, Section E, lines 1c, 2a, 2b, 3a and 3b, Part V, line 1, Part V, Section B, line 1e, Part V Section D, lines 5, 6, and 8, and Part V, Section E, lines 2, 5, and 6 Also complete this part for any additional information (See instructions)

Facts And Circumstances Test

SCHEDULE C
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527**

- Complete if the organization is described below. ►Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.
 ►Information about Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at
www.irs.gov/form990.

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If the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, Line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 46 (Political Campaign Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations Complete Parts I-A and B Do not complete Part I-C
- Section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) organizations Complete Parts I-A and C below Do not complete Part I-B
- Section 527 organizations Complete Part I-A only

If the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, Line 4, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 47 (Lobbying Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)) Complete Part II-A Do not complete Part II-B
- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)) Complete Part II-B Do not complete Part II-A

If the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, Line 5 (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions) or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 35c (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions), then

- Section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations Complete Part III

Name of the organization Center of the American Experiment	Employer identification number 36-3611426
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Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.

- 1 Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV (see instructions for definition of "political campaign activities")
- 2 Political campaign activity expenditures (see instructions) ► \$ _____
- 3 Volunteer hours for political campaign activities (see instructions) _____

Part I-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3).

- 1 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955 ► \$ _____
- 2 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955 ► \$ _____
- 3 If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year? Yes No
- 4a Was a correction made? Yes No
- b If "Yes," describe in Part IV

Part I-C Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c), except section 501(c)(3).

- 1 Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities ► \$ _____
- 2 Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities ► \$ _____
- 3 Total exempt function expenditures Add lines 1 and 2 Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b ► \$ _____
- 4 Did the filing organization file **Form 1120-POL** for this year? Yes No
- 5 Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which the filing organization made payments For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization's funds Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC) If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV

(a) Name	(b) Address	(c) EIN	(d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds If none, enter -0-	(e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization If none, enter -0-
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				

Part II-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

- A** Check ► if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group (and list in Part IV each affiliated group member's name, address, EIN, expenses, and share of excess lobbying expenditures)
- B** Check ► if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)		(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals
1a Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)			
b Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)		6,709	
c Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)		6,709	
d Other exempt purpose expenditures		1,909,676	
e Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)		1,916,385	
f Lobbying nontaxable amount Enter the amount from the following table in both columns		245,819	
If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is: The lobbying nontaxable amount is:			
Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e		
Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000		
Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000		
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000		
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000		
g Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)		61,455	
h Subtract line 1g from line 1a If zero or less, enter -0-		0	
i Subtract line 1f from line 1c If zero or less, enter -0-		0	
j If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

4-Year Averaging Period Under section 501(h)
(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below. See the separate instructions for lines 2a through 2f.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2014	(b) 2015	(c) 2016	(d) 2017	(e) Total
2a Lobbying nontaxable amount			229,562	245,819	475,381
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					713,072
c Total lobbying expenditures			4,650	6,709	11,359
d Grassroots nontaxable amount			57,391	61,455	118,846
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					178,269
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

Part II-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and has NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

For each "Yes" response on lines 1a through 1l below, provide in Part IV a detailed description of the lobbying activity

- | | (a) | (b) |
|--|--------|-----|
| | Yes | No |
| | Amount | |
| 1 During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of | | |
| a Volunteers? | | |
| b Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)? | | |
| c Media advertisements? | | |
| d Mailings to members, legislators, or the public? | | |
| e Publications, or published or broadcast statements? | | |
| f Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes? | | |
| g Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body? | | |
| h Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means? | | |
| i Other activities? | | |
| j Total Add lines 1c through 1i | | |
| 2a Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)? | | |
| b If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912 | | |
| c If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912 | | |
| d If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year? | | |

Part III-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6).

- | | Yes | No |
|---|-----|----|
| 1 Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members? | 1 | |
| 2 Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less? | 2 | |
| 3 Did the organization agree to carry over lobbying and political expenditures from the prior year? | 3 | |

Part III-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) and if either (a) BOTH Part III-A, lines 1 and 2, are answered "No" OR (b) Part III-A, line 3, is answered "Yes."

- | | 1 |
|--|----|
| 1 Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members | 1 |
| 2 Section 162(e) nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid). | 2a |
| a Current year | 2b |
| b Carryover from last year | 2c |
| c Total | 3 |
| 3 Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues | 4 |
| 4 If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditure next year? | 5 |
| 5 Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions) | |

Part IV Supplemental Information

Provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1, Part I-B, line 4, Part I-C, line 5, Part II-A (affiliated group list), Part II-A, lines 1 and 2 (see instructions), and Part II-B, line 1. Also, complete this part for any additional information

Return Reference	Explanation
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SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Supplemental Financial Statements**

OMB No 1545-0047

► Complete if the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990,
Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.
 ► Attach to Form 990.

Information about Schedule D (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.**2017****Open to Public
Inspection****Name of the organization**
Center of the American Experiment**Employer identification number**
36-3611426**Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1 Total number at end of year		
2 Aggregate value of contributions to (during year)		
3 Aggregate value of grants from (during year)		
4 Aggregate value at end of year		

5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control?

 Yes No

6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit?

 Yes No**Part II Conservation Easements.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply)

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or education) | <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of an historically important land area |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Protection of natural habitat | <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of a certified historic structure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of open space | |

2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year

Held at the End of the Year

a Total number of conservation easements

2a	
2b	
2c	
2d	

b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements

c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)

d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ► _____

4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ► _____

5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?

 Yes No

6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year

► _____

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year

► \$ _____

8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?

 Yes No

9 In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIII, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items

b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items

(i) Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1

► \$ _____

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X

► \$ _____

2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 (ASC 958) relating to these items

a Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1

► \$ _____

b Assets included in Form 990, Part X

► \$ _____

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets (continued)

3 Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply)

- | | |
|---|---|
| a <input type="checkbox"/> Public exhibition | d <input type="checkbox"/> Loan or exchange programs |
| b <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarly research | e <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| c <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation for future generations | |

4 Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII

5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection?

Yes No

Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X?

Yes No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table

- c** Beginning balance
- d** Additions during the year
- e** Distributions during the year
- f** Ending balance

	Amount
1c	
1d	
1e	
1f	

2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability?

Yes No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided in Part XIII

Part V Endowment Funds. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance					
b Contributions					
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses					
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance					

2 Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as

- a** Board designated or quasi-endowment ►
- b** Permanent endowment ►
- c** Temporarily restricted endowment ►

The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%

3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by

- (i)** unrelated organizations
- (ii)** related organizations

b If "Yes" on 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?

4 Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds

Yes	No
3a(i)	
3a(ii)	
3b	

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11a. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		197,314	154,245	43,069
e Other				

Total. Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c)) . . . ► 43,069

Part VII Investments—Other Securities. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11b.
 See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives		
(2) Closely-held equity interests		
(3) Other _____		
(A) _____		
(B) _____		
(C) _____		
(D) _____		
(E) _____		
(F) _____		
(G) _____		
(H) _____		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 12.) ►		

Part VIII Investments—Program Related.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11c. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

(a) Description of investment	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) _____		
(2) _____		
(3) _____		
(4) _____		
(5) _____		
(6) _____		
(7) _____		
(8) _____		
(9) _____		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 13.) ►		

Part IX Other Assets. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11d. See Form 990, Part X, line 15

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1) Lease Deposit	3,146
(2) Deferred Compensation Plan Assets	52,569
(3) _____	
(4) _____	
(5) _____	
(6) _____	
(7) _____	
(8) _____	
(9) _____	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 15.) ►	55,715

Part X Other Liabilities. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11e or 11f.
 See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	
Deferred Compensation	52,569
(2) _____	
(3) _____	
(4) _____	
(5) _____	
(6) _____	
(7) _____	
(8) _____	
(9) _____	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 25.) ►	52,569

2. Liability for uncertain tax positions In Part XIII, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740). Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII

Part XI Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	2,347,714
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12		
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	0
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	2,347,714
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0
5	Total revenue Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)	5	2,347,714

Part XII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	2,247,617
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	0
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	2,247,617
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1 :		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)	5	2,247,617

Part XIII Supplemental Information

Provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9, Part III, lines 1a and 4, Part IV, lines 1b and 2b, Part V, line 4, Part X, line 2, Part XI, lines 2d and 4b, and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information

Return Reference	Explanation
See Additional Data Table	

Part XIII Supplemental Information (*continued*)

Return Reference	Explanation

Additional Data

Software ID:

Software Version:

EIN: 36-3611426

Name: Center of the American Experiment

Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Part X, Line 2	The Organization is a tax-exempt Organization under IRS Code Section 501(c)(3) and consequently records no provision for income taxes. The Organization files information returns in the U S federal jurisdiction and the State of Minnesota. With few exceptions, the Organization is no longer subject to U S federal, state and local examinations by tax authorities for years prior to 2013. The Organization has analyzed its filing positions with the Internal Revenue Service and the State of Minnesota. The Organization does not anticipate any of its filing positions would result in a material adverse effect on the Organization's financial condition, results of operations or cash flow as the Organization believes its filing positions would be sustained on audit. No liability has been recorded for uncertain tax positions.

**SCHEDULE G
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)****Supplemental Information Regarding
Fundraising or Gaming Activities**

OMB No 1545-0047

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 17, 18, or 19, or if the organization entered more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a

► Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

► Information about Schedule G (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.**2017****Open to Public
Inspection**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue ServiceName of the organization
Center of the American Experiment**Employer identification number**

36-3611426

Part I Fundraising Activities. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 17.
Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this part.

1 Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities Check all that apply

- a Mail solicitations
- e Solicitation of non-government grants
- b Internet and email solicitations
- f Solicitation of government grants
- c Phone solicitations
- g Special fundraising events
- d In-person solicitations

2a Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising services? Yes No

b If "Yes," list the ten highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization

(i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?		(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
1	Socict Funds See Sched O	Yes	No	2,303,420	105,000	2,198,420
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
8						
9						
10						
Total		►		2,303,420	105,000	2,198,420

3 List all states in which the organization is registered or licensed to solicit contributions or has been notified it is exempt from registration or licensing

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		(a) Event #1 ANNUAL DINNER (event type)	(b) Event #2 FALL BRIEFING (event type)	(c) Other events 1 (total number)	(d) Total events (add col (a) through col (c))
Revenue					
1 Gross receipts	347,892	154,505	44,055	546,452	
2 Less Contributions	263,420	78,543	16,128	358,091	
3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	84,472	75,962	27,927	188,361	
Direct Expenses					
4 Cash prizes					
5 Noncash prizes					
6 Rent/facility costs		9,265		9,265	
7 Food and beverages	63,812	25,348	27,927	117,087	
8 Entertainment					
9 Other direct expenses	20,660	41,349		62,009	
10 Direct expense summary Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d)					188,361
11 Net income summary Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d)					0

Part III Gaming. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 19, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/Instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (add col (a) through col (c))
Revenue					
1 Gross revenue					
2 Cash prizes					
3 Noncash prizes					
4 Rent/facility costs					
5 Other direct expenses					
6 Volunteer labor	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes % <input type="checkbox"/> No		
7 Direct expense summary Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d)					
8 Net gaming income summary Subtract line 7 from line 1, column (d)					

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization conducts gaming activities _____

Yes No

a Is the organization licensed to conduct gaming activities in each of these states?

b If "No," explain _____

10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year?

Yes No

b If "Yes," explain _____

- 11** Does the organization conduct gaming activities with nonmembers? Yes No
- 12** Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming? Yes No
- 13** Indicate the percentage of gaming activity conducted in
- | | |
|-----|---|
| 13a | % |
| 13b | % |
- a** The organization's facility
- b** An outside facility

- 14** Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records

Name ►
.....

Address ►
.....

- 15a** Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue? Yes No
- b** If "Yes," enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization ► \$ _____ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party ► \$ _____
- c** If "Yes," enter name and address of the third party

Name ►
.....

Address ►
.....

- 16** Gaming manager information

Name ►
.....

Gaming manager compensation ► \$

Description of services provided ►
.....

Director/officer Employee Independent contractor

- 17** Mandatory distributions

- a** Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license? Yes No
- b** Enter the amount of distributions required under state law distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ► \$

Part IV Supplemental Information. Provide the explanations required by Part I, line 2b, columns (iii) and (v); and Part III, lines 9, 9b, 10b, 15b, 15c, 16, and 17b, as applicable. Also provide any additional information (see instructions).

Return Reference	Explanation
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SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury

~~Internal Revenue Service~~

Name of the organization

Center of the American Experiment

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

► Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

► Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at
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990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 11b	A copy of form 990 was provided to each board member for review prior to the board meeting, approved by the board at meeting

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 15	Compensation of the organization's president and vice president was recommended to the organization's board of directors by a committee of independent directors which included the chairman and vice chairman. The committee compiled and reviewed comparable data from other nonprofit state-based public policy institutes on compensation of the top paid executive position. This data was used by the committee in making its recommendation to the board. The board considered the committee's recommendations, discussed the president's performance and appropriate level of compensation, and approved the proposed compensation for the president at the regular meeting of the board. Minutes of the board's deliberations and decisions were recorded by the secretary of the organization, presented to the board at its next regular meeting, and approved by the board.

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section C, line 19	CENTER OF THE AMERICAN EXPERIMENT WILL MAKE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS